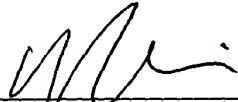



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## APPENDIX A

1. A chimeric peptide-nucleic acid fragment capable of entering a cellular compartment, comprising:
  - (a) a compartment-specific signal peptide;
  - (b) a linkage agent; and
  - (c) a nucleic acid which is capable of entering a cellular pore;wherein the linkage agent links an amino acid at the carboxy-terminal end of the signal peptide to the nucleic acid and wherein the signal peptide is specific to a compartment selected from the group consisting of mitochondria and chloroplasts.
25. A chimeric peptide-nucleic acid fragment in the form of a linear-cyclic molecule, wherein the molecule comprises at least one replication origin and both ends of the nucleic acid portion are cyclized, and wherein at least one cyclic end comprises a modified nucleotide which via a linkage agent can be linked with a signal peptide specific to a compartment selected from the group consisting of mitochondria and chloroplasts.
82. A method of introducing a nucleic acid with a functional linkage group into a compartment of a cell, comprising the steps:
  - (a) reaction of the nucleic acid with a linkage agent;
  - (b) reaction of the construct of step (a) with amino acids at the carboxy-terminal end of a peptide containing a signal sequence, with the exception of a KDEL signal sequence, to form a chimeric peptide-nucleic acid fragment; and
  - (c) contacting the chimeric peptide-nucleic acid fragment of step (b) with the cell;

wherein the signal sequence of the peptide is specific to a cell compartment selected from the group consisting of mitochondria and chloroplasts.